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~~(S/ NF)~~ 1. [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3) (b)(3)

~~(S/ NF)~~ 2. [redacted] ON OF (b)(1) (b)(3) ABOUT 8 MARCH 1999, A DELEGATION OF 15 NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICIANS COMPOSED (b)(3) OF 7 IRAQIS, 4 IRANIANS AND 4 LIBYANS, ARRIVED BY PLANE AT BALIDOGLE AIRPORT IN MOGADISHU, SOMALIA AS PERSONAL GUESTS OF THE SELF-DECLARED SOMALI PRESIDENT. THEY BROUGHT WITH THEM SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE QUALITY OF URANIUM ORE, AND HAVE REPORTEDLY OFFERED THE SELF-DECLARED PRESIDENT FOUR MILLION U.S. DOLLARS FOR 6,000 TONS OF RAW URANIUM ORE.

~~(S/ NF)~~ 3. DURING THE VISIT, THE DELEGATION VISITED THE FOLLOWING AREAS BELIEVED TO HAVE RESERVES OF URANIUM ORE: ALI GELLE IN DUSA MAREB, BUURHAKABA (02-47N, 44-05E), BUR HEIYIB, BUR EYLE AND BUR QALIN. ALL OF THESE AREAS ARE REPORTEDLY UNDER THE CONTROL OF SOMALIA'S SELF-DECLARED PRESIDENT. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE TEAM BEGAN TO MOVE LARGE QUANTITIES OF URANIUM ORE FOR STORAGE ON A BANANA PLANTATION, LOCATED IN AFGOYE, BELONGING TO SOMALI BUSINESSMAN AND FRIEND OF THE "PRESIDENT," ((MAYKEL)) MUHAMMED (b)(3)

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SHAYKH. THE INITIAL PLAN WAS TO TRANSPORT THE URANIUM ORE TO THE MERCA PORT (01-43N, 44-53E); HOWEVER, A DECISION WAS MADE NOT TO USE MERCA BECAUSE THE SELF-DECLARED PRESIDENT DOES NOT HAVE FULL CONTROL OF THE PORT, POSSIBLY LEADING TO A CONFLICT WITH OTHER MILITIAS. THE PLAN NOW IS TO IDENTIFY A LOCATION ALONG THE COAST, BETWEEN THE VILLAGES OF GESIRA (01-57N, 45-12E) AND DHANANE (01-53N, 45-02E), WHERE THE ORE CAN BE TAKEN OUT TO A LARGER SHIP BY SMALLER BOATS.

~~(S/ /NF)~~ 4. AS OF MARCH 15, THERE ARE ONLY FIVE MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL DELEGATION STILL IN MOGADISHU. A PLANE ARRIVED AT BALIDOGLE AIRPORT WITH SPECIAL ANTI-RADIATION CLOTHING AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT (GEIGER COUNTERS), WHICH WERE UNLOADED AND TAKEN TO THE LOCATION WHERE THE SCIENTISTS/ TECHNICIANS ARE STAYING -- A FORTIFIED VILLA BELONGING TO MAYKEL MUHAMMED SHAYKH. (b)(3)

~~(S/ /NF)~~ 5. (b)(3)
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~~(S/ /NF)~~ 6. COMMENT: THERE IS SOME INFORMATION CONNECTING THE DELEGATION TO A JOINT IRAQ/LIBYAN EFFORT TO OBTAIN URANIUM. HOWEVER, POSSIBLY INDICATIVE THAT THE TRANSACTION IS OF A PRIVATE RATHER THAN GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED NATURE IS THE FACT THAT MAYKEL IS A FRIEND OF SYRIAN ARMS DEALER MUNIR ((KAZARI)), WHO RESIDES IN MARBELA, SPAIN AND WHO COULD BE INVOLVED IN A PRIVATE EFFORT TO EXTRACT AND SELL URANIUM TO ROGUE STATES.) (b)(1) (b)(3)(b)(3)

~~(S/ /NF)~~ 7. COMMENT: (b)(1) (b)(3)
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THE IRAQI-IRANIAN GROUP THAT ARRIVED I(b)(1)
SOMALIA HAD VISITED THE LOCATION OF THE OLD ENI URANIUM MINE AT BUR ACABA, ABOUT 180 K(b)(3)
WEST FROM MOGADISHU. THE GROUP WAS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE FOR THE MOVEMENT OF ORE MATERIAL FROM THE MINE TO MERCA BUT WAS PREVENTED FROM DOING SO BY THE RAHAWAYN RESISTANCE ARMY (RRA) ALLIED WITH ETHIOPIA).

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